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SUBJECT: RESUMPTION OF US/ROC EXERCISES

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1. DEPARTMENT CLEARED SHARK HUNT FOR DECEMBER 15-22,
BUT DID NOT REPEAT NOT CLEAR BLUE SKY EXERCISE FOR
DECEMBER 18 OR LARK EXERCISE FOR DECEMBER 16. FULLY
CONCUR IN EMBASSY'S ACTION IN PREVAILING UPON USTDC
TO CANCEL LARK EXERCISE.

2. WE HAVE INFORMED DOD THAT BLUE SKY EXERCISE
SHOULD BE CANCELLED AND POSTPONED UNTIL AFTER JANUARY
1, 1976. INITIAL DOD RESPONSE WAS FAVORABLE. DES-
PITE PRECAUTIONS IMPOSED AFTER INCIDENT OF JANUARY
28 THIS YEAR, BLUE SKY REMAINS UNUSUALLY SENSITIVE
ACTIVITY AND WE DO NOT WANT IT RESUMED SO SOON AFTER

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PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO PRC. MOREOVER, CONDUCT OF

BLUE SKY EXERCISE IN CONJUNCTION WITH SHARK HUNT IS
INCONSISTENT WITH GRADUAL PHASE-IN OF NORMAL MILITARY
ACTIVITIES IN THE TAIWAN AREA WHICH DOD HAD AGREED
WOULD TAKE PLACE.

3. IN MEANTIME, EMBASSY SHOULD DECLINE TO APPROVE
BLUE SKY EXERCISE FOR DECEMBER 18 AND REQUEST THAT

USTDC RESCHEDULE IT TO TAKE PLACE SOME TIME AFTER JANUARY
1, 1976.

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